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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: James A. Thompson
Yukitoshi TAKEUCHI, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/899,022	)	
	:	Confirmation No: 3535
Filed: July 6, 2001	)	
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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS	)	
AND ORIGINAL COVER THEREOF	:	October 31, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith in the above-identified application. Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2007, please amend the application as follows: